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Re: Applicant: KILKUSKIE et al.
Serial No.: 08/887,505
Filed: 02 July 1997
Entitled: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES SPECIFIC FOR
HEPATITIS C VIRUS
Our Ref: 47508.250

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office is the following document

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Amendment (Responsive to Office Action dated 05 June 2002);
3. Appendix A - Pending Claims 1-31 and 42-45 (CLEAN VERSION);
4. Appendix B - Amended Claim 43 (MARKED-UP VERSION); and
5. postcard evidencing the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees necessary from
Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:)
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment in response to the outstanding Office Action dated 05 June 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as provided below.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 43 as indicated in Appendix B. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is set forth in Appendix A.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 and 42-45 are currently pending. Claim 43 has been amended, and a marked up copy is set forth in Appendix B. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is submitted herewith as Appendix A for the Examiner's convenience.